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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Brandon A. Lee
Report Number: FG1701120
Date / Time Incident: August 14, 2017 / 9:10 p.m.
Location of Incident: 700 River Drive (Mendocino Coast District Hospital)
Crime or Incident: 594(b)(1) PC – Vandalism, 243(c)(1) PC – Battery on
Emergency Personnel, 148 (a)(1) PC – Resisting, Delaying,
Obstructing Law Enforcement
Victim(s): Multiple
Suspect: Morgan Franklin – 20 years of age, Big Bear, CA

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On August 14, 2017, at approximately 9:10p.m., Officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department were dispatched to 700 River Drive (Mendocino Coast District Hospital) for the report of a female patient vandalizing the emergency room and assaulting staff.

Upon arrival, Officers contacted Morgan Franklin outside of the emergency room. Franklin had been brought to the hospital at her request, just an hour prior to Officers being summoned back. Franklin immediately began threatening Officers to stay away from her. Officers began communicating with Franklin in order to determine why her demeanor had changed, and if she was experiencing some sort of crisis. As Officers began to physically detain Franklin, she immediately became combative, and began resisting Officers while striking and kicking them. Franklin was subdued and placed into a police vehicle so further investigation could occur.

It was discovered that the Emergency Room nursing station and equipment had been completely ransacked, and several computers and expensive pieces of equipment had been damaged or destroyed. Medical staff advised officers that as they had begun to administer treatment to Franklin, she assaulted the emergency room doctor, then exited the treatment room and began throwing items and equipment at staff. Franklin continued her rampage through the ER, and then exited. Once outside, Franklin had climbed on the roof of a parked vehicle, and then smashed the vehicle's windshield with a large rock.

Franklin was placed under arrest and charged with felony vandalism, and felony assault on medical personnel. She was later transported to the Mendocino County Jail without further incident.

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